



## Terwilliger Fire Update

Southern Cascades Interagency Incident Management Team  
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**October 7, 2018 - 9:00 A.M.**

**Public Information Phone:** (541) 822-8216 Available 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

### Special Announcements:

**The public is asked to respect the road and area closures for protection to themselves and firefighters. Please refrain from entering the closed areas.**

The Terwilliger Fire Area Closure implemented August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 by the Willamette National Forest remains in place. The Closure Area is being patrolled and enforced. It is entirely within Lane County Oregon and does not impact Oregon State Highway 126. Public and firefighter safety remains the priority.

Forest Service Road (FR) 19 and Terwilliger Hot Springs (also known as Cougar Hot Springs) are within the Terwilliger Area Closure. They remain closed due to unsafe conditions from gravity fall hazards, including rocks, debris and fire-weakened trees. The closure begins at the junction of FR 410 and continues south to Box Canyon. Members of the public should expect these closures to remain in effect for an extended period.

*The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) and the McKenzie River Ranger District, Willamette National Forest, jointly responded to the report of the Terwilliger Fire with both aircraft and firefighter resources. Although the fire did not burn on to ODF-protected lands, the agency has stayed involved with suppression actions and planning.*

**Acreage:** Estimated 11,555    **Completion:** 80%    **Cause:** The fire is currently under investigation.

**Resources:** Total: 126: 3 type 2 IA hand crews, 1 light-lift helicopter, 6 engines, 1 dozer, 4 water tenders, 2 ambulances, and 14 heavy equipment. Replacement personnel are arriving as others time out to ensure proper staffing for operations. Additional contract resources are currently being utilized to facilitate much of the repair and mitigation work, including brushing and chipping operations.

**Current Fire Information:** Fire suppression activity continues in a few localized areas, but the fire is currently producing minimal smoke under current weather conditions.

Work on hazard tree mitigation and removal is ongoing. Crews are removing fire-weakened trees along hillsides and debris from roads. Heavy equipment, graders, and scalers are working along FR 19 and FR 500. Rock and debris is being trucked off site. Efforts to repair ditches and complete chipping operations are ongoing. Gravity hazards and unstable slopes will continue to be the principle hazards.

**Weather:** Saturday rain accumulations exceeded 1.00" in numerous locations across the fire area. Sunday is expected to offer a short break in the weather before light rain and winds return Sunday evening. Lows are forecast to be around 43 with a high near 50 degrees. Winds are anticipated at 5-6 mph from the northwest. Drier and warmer weather is projected for later into next week.

**Closures:** Terwilliger Area Closure Order # 06-18-01-18-19 may be viewed at <http://go.usa.gov/xRnz7>

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